

SENATE RESOLUTION 143—HONORING COACH EDDIE G. ROBINSON

Ms. LANDRIEU (for herself and Mr. VITTER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 143

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson, the former coach of the Grambling State University Tigers, was born on February 13, 1919, in Jackson, Louisiana;

Whereas after graduating from high school, Eddie G. Robinson attended Leland College in Baker, Louisiana, where he played quarterback on the college's football team and graduated with a baccalaureate of arts degree;

Whereas in 1941, Eddie G. Robinson accepted a football coaching position at Grambling State University, which, at the time, was known as the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute;

Whereas during his 57-year tenure as the Grambling State University football coach, Eddie G. Robinson established himself as a legend in the world of sports and a Louisiana hero;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson broke through the glass ceiling that had always undermined the true potential of African-American players and coaches;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson won 408 games, which was more games won than any coach before him;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson won 17 championships in the Southwestern Athletic Conference;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson held the championship title 9 times for Historically Black Colleges and Universities;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson sent more than 200 players into the National Football League (NFL), including Paul "Tank" Younger, who was the first NFL player from a predominantly African-American college and, from then on, Coach Robinson was personally responsible for paving the way for all African-American players to have opportunities in the NFL and others to play at majority White schools;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson's achievements are not limited to his athletic victories;

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson taught his players the meaning of teamwork and patriotism, providing them lessons that extended far beyond the football field;

Whereas his contributions have also provided for one of the most exciting match-ups in college sports—the Bayou Classic football game, which Eddie G. Robinson and his sports information director, the late Collie J. Nicholson, created; and

Whereas Eddie G. Robinson was able to serve Grambling State University with such great distinction in large part because of the continuing support of his wife Doris, his two children, Eddie Jr. and Lillian Rose Watkins, his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) notes with deep sorrow and solemn mourning the death of Coach Eddie G. Robinson, a Louisiana hero and a great American;

(2) extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Doris Robinson and the family of Eddie G. Robinson; and

(3) honors and, on behalf of the Nation, expresses deep appreciation for Coach Eddie G. Robinson's outstanding service to Grambling State University, to Louisiana, and to his country.

SENATE RESOLUTION 144—HONORING THE MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY SPARTANS ON WINNING THE 2007 MEN'S NATIONAL COLLEGIATE HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP

Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 144

Whereas, on Saturday, April 7, 2007, the Michigan State University (MSU) Men's Hockey Team won the 2007 Men's Hockey National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Championship by defeating Boston College by a score of 3 to 1;

Whereas entering the final period with a one-goal deficit, the Spartans rallied to tie the game at 1 to 1, and with 18.9 seconds remaining in regulation, scored the go-ahead goal to secure MSU Hockey's third national championship, and first since 1986;

Whereas the MSU Spartans won the NCAA Midwest Regional in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to qualify for the Frozen Four finals, making them the first Central Collegiate Hockey Association team to reach the tournament finals since 1998;

Whereas each member of the MSU Hockey organization made essential contributions to the team's success, including players Justin Abdelkader, Tim Crowder, Jeff Dunne, Tyler Howells, Brandon Gentile, Ethan Graham, Bobby Jarosz, Justin Johnston, Tim Kennedy, Kurt Kivisto, Chris Lawrence, Bryan Lerg, Jeff Lerg, Zak McClellan, Jim McKenzie, Steve Mnich, Chris Mueller, Michael Ratchuk, Matt Schepke, Chris Snavely, Jay Sprague, Daniel Sturges, Nick Sucharski, Ryan Turek, Daniel Vukovic, and Brandon Warner, Head Coach Rick Comley, Assistant Coaches Tom Newton and Brian Renfrew, and Athletic Trainer Dave Carrier;

Whereas MSU Spartans' Head Coach Rick Comley, who was named a 2007 National Coach of the Year finalist, became the third coach in college hockey history to win national titles at two institutions, the first with Northern Michigan University, and has recorded over 700 career victories, making him the third winningest coach amongst active coaches, and fifth winningest in NCAA history;

Whereas at the Frozen Four Championship game in St. Louis, a record 19,432 people attended and the enthusiasm shown by the people of Michigan and the student body of Michigan State University clearly demonstrates Michigan's strong support for the MSU Hockey organization and the determined effort of all the team's players;

Whereas MSU Hockey's third NCAA title will be celebrated in East Lansing, Michigan on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, and its members honored with a parade followed by a rally at Munn Ice Arena;

Whereas the families and friends of the team have provided unwavering support and have tirelessly cheered on their Spartans;

Whereas after many trials and tribulations in the later part of the season, the Spartans rallied together with unrivaled team character and focus to clinch the NCAA title;

Whereas Michigan State University has always stood as a center for excellence in both athletics and scholarship, under the current leadership of University President Lou Anna K. Simon, and Athletic Director and renowned former MSU Hockey coach Ron Mason;

Whereas the MSU Spartans displayed unparalleled team camaraderie and have shown their ability to unite both on and off the ice, which led to hard-fought victories throughout the season; and

Whereas the Spartan Men's Hockey Team demonstrated superior strength, skill, perseverance, and determination during the 2006-2007 season and has made Michigan State University and the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Michigan State University Men's Hockey Team on winning the 2007 National Collegiate Athletic Association Championship and recognizes all the players, coaches, staff, fans, families, and others who were instrumental in this great achievement; and

(2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to Michigan State University and to the MSU Spartans Men's Hockey Team for appropriate display.

SENATE RESOLUTION 145—CONGRATULATING ZACH JOHNSON ON HIS VICTORY IN THE 2007 MASTERS GOLF TOURNAMENT

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. HARKIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 145

Whereas, on April 8, 2007, Zach Johnson, a native Iowan, won the Masters Tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia;

Whereas, the Masters has been won by some of golf's greatest champions, including Byron Nelson, Sam Snead, Ben Hogan, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, and many others;

Whereas, Zach Johnson's final round of three-under-par 69 for a total score of 289 was two strokes better than that of any other competitor;

Whereas, in a final day on which six different players led, Zach Johnson showed great skill, patience and will to withstand the challenge of the weather and the course;

Whereas, Zach Johnson is the first Iowan to win the Masters, and the first Iowan to win a major championship in golf since Jack Fleck's playoff victory over Ben Hogan in the 1955 U.S. Open; and

Whereas, Zach Johnson has brought great pride and honor to his family, friends, and the citizens of Iowa with his victory: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate congratulates Zach Johnson on his outstanding accomplishment in winning the 2007 Masters golf tournament.

NOTICES OF HEARINGS/MEETINGS

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce that the Committee on Indian Affairs will meet on Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 485 of the Russell Senate Office Building to conduct a business meeting to consider pending legislation, to be followed immediately by an oversight hearing on Tribal Colleges and Universities.

Those wishing additional information may contact the Indian Affairs Committee at 224-2251.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public